

## FIRST M.E. SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTERS TO BE REARRANGED

School Has Had Notable Growth Under Leaders Who Have Served Long.

The Sunday School at the First M. E. church, the largest in Marion County, has so outgrown all expectations that the church authorities are now working on plans for better accommodation of the departments and the adult classes. An object lesson in the importance of the adult classes was presented Sunday morning, April 11, when they were gathered together in the church auditorium to hear the talk of Hon. E. M. Showalter on "The Trial of Christ from a Lawyer's Standpoint," which had previously been heard at an evening service at the First Presbyterian Church, where it was so well received that the speaker was urged to repeat it at the First M. E. Sunday School.

The enrollment at the First M. E. church Sunday School in Fairmont is not permitted to be padded—that is the names of people moving away from Fairmont are not continued on the roll. The total enrollment at the present time is 326, which is the highest in the history of the work. The Morgantown M. E. Sunday School has a larger attendance than the one at Fairmont, which is due possibly to the fact that the West Virginia University is located there and provides two classes which number more than 300. The enrollment at Fairmont was 240 a quarter of a century ago when C. W. Evans became the superintendent of the Sunday School, which gives an idea of Fairmont's growth when it is taken into consideration that there are two other Sunday Schools of the same denomination within the city limits.

The recent retirement of J. Walter Barnes as superintendent of the First Presbyterian Sunday School and the decision of Mayor W. W. Conaway not to accept the superintendency of the Sunday School at the Peoples Temple any longer, leaves C. W. Evans as the "veteran" in this line. He has been a Sunday School superintendent for 35 years—twenty-five years at Fairmont and for ten years previously at Fetterman.

The growth of the First M. E. Sunday School has brought the demands for a different arrangement of departments and classes to such a head that there can be no longer delay. The C. J. Fleming class composed of older married women gave up its class room just recently to a class of beginners, a splendid action which is receiving the unstinted praise of the members of the Sunday School.

There are a number of important adult classes in the Sunday School. The King's Daughters Class is taught by Dr. E. E. Howard and has Mrs. J. Engle as president and Mrs. J. E. Smith as secretary. It was organized years ago with 20 members and now has 120. It has fostered (or mothered) many special propositions in the way of entertainments, dinners, etc., very successfully.

The Brotherhood Class is taught by Joseph Roeder, president of the Fairmont Normal, who has taught that class for possibly twenty years. It is made up of the older men of the church, about forty of them, and the attendance does not vary much. Howard Smouse is president of the class and George Huffman secretary.

The O. J. Fleming class is taught

by Mr. Fleming, who has served in the same capacity for 25 years. It is a class of older married women who keep young largely through Sunday School activity. It is said that a duty has never been assigned to this class which was not perfectly performed.

The Men's Progressive Class, is taught by Senator W. S. Meredith and grew out of the Lyons revival a few years ago. M. W. Ogden is president of the class and Fred Talbott and Herschel Barnes are the secretaries. Senator Meredith has been the teacher for about five years and his position of the lessons is one of the notable things in Sunday School work in West Virginia. This class was founded by the Rev. Harry Howard, who was the first teacher. It includes many prominent business men, such as R. M. Hite, Fred Helmick, F. J. Smith and W. W. Ferguson.

Four young people's classes in this Sunday School have been taught by the same men for 25 years and the regular attendance of young men and women is a gratifying feature of their work while the 100 percent attendance of the teachers is equally commendable. These classes are taught by I. N. Lough, J. M. Jacobs and C. W. Robinson and W. A. Crowl. Levi B. Harr, formerly president of the Marion County Sunday School Association, teaches a class of young ladies. He has been away a great deal in 1920 owing to illness but is expected to resume his work next Sunday.

The Junior Department of the Sunday School is without a head at present owing to the recent death of J. M. Aultman, who was also a member of the official board of the church. His death leaves a place that it will be difficult to fill.

There are different departments of the school each, having its head. M. L. Brown, cashier of the Fairmont State Bank, is head of the adult department. Mrs. Levi B. Harr is head of the primary department and Miss May Hawkins is head of the beginners department and Mrs. Alex Rhee is her assistant. Mrs. H. L. Troxell is superintendent of the cradle department which lists the babies of Methodist families with a view of interesting them in Sunday School work at the first opportunity. Mrs. Levi B. Harr has been engaged in Sunday School work practically all of her life and has been prominent in Sunday School affairs in Fairmont for a decade, seven years as superintendent of a primary department on the East Side and for three years in that capacity at the First M. E. Sunday School.

The First Methodist Sunday School can boast of one of the best orchestras in the city, led by Prof. Clavd E. Vincent, a member of the church and Sunday School. It plays at the opening of the school each Sunday. The orchestra has fifteen members. It has been under the direction of Prof. Vincent for four years.

The First M. E. Sunday School has never been a participant in contests either local or state wide, preferring the enthusiasm that brings steady

growth, according to C. W. Evans, the superintendent, to the enthusiasm that wins contests. There is a city Sunday School union which endeavors to keep track of the attendance at the various Sunday Schools, though it is mostly composed of Dr. W. J. Eddy, whose faithful efforts in this direction are fully appreciated by Sunday School workers, and the First M. E. Sunday School was always first in the matter of enrollment though not always the leader in the percentage of attendance. The Diamond Street Sunday School on the East Side now has an enrollment of 500 which is another splendid showing for Fairmont. Edward P. Armstrong is superintendent of that school. W. L. Meredith is superintendent of the adult department, H. L. Murphy superintendent of the junior department and Mrs. Cecil Jenkins superintendent of the primary department. The third Methodist Episcopal Sunday School in Fairmont is at Bellview.

## HOULT

### MOVING FROM HOULT.

Harry Hoult, who sold his house to the Hope Natural Gas Co., has at last located. He has purchased the Hillberry property at Norwood, and will move his family next Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Snider may move to Jackson Addition on account of the sale of the house he now resides in.

### MOVING INTO HOULT.

The house now occupied by John Snider has been purchased by Don Summers of Rivesville, who will occupy the house himself.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nedley have moved from Fairmont into the Harry Johnson home, now the property of Golden Hoult and Carl Dawson.

### WORK ON GAS-PUMPING PLANT

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### PERSONALS

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Miss Ruby Snider is a guest of D. E. Snider and other relatives here. Georgia Hall, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hall, has been sick all the past week.

Lee Hoult was at Tunnelton the latter part of the week on business. John Allik, a miner, is moving to Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McElfresh, of Clarksburg, are guests of his parents here.

Emery McElfresh is in Ohio visiting his sister, Mrs. Nellie Johnson, who has been very sick ever since they moved from here last month.

Dawson Yoder was at Morgantown on business last week.

Harvey McElfresh, an enterprising young business man of this place, who recently purchased the harness-shop and business of John McElfresh, Jefferson street, Fairmont, reports that business is so good and help so scarce that he could with difficulty handle the business.

Harry Summers and daughter Clara were calling on D. C. Baker Monday of this week.

Miss Madie Morley spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister Mrs. Charley Devault.

Miss Mary Frye who has been spending a few days with her mother Mrs. Fred Frye has returned home recently.

Miss Belle Hall was calling on at D. C. Baker's one day this week.

Several people from this city were shopping in Fairmont Saturday last.

Those at Lee Hawkins Sunday last were Miss Dorothy Baker, Luann Satterfield, Amy Satterfield, Aaron Satterfield, Lloyd McDougal and Bryant Phillips.

Mrs. Mary Nuzum and daughter Mrs. Clint Carpenter were calling at Harry Nuzum's Sunday afternoon last. Those at Basil Satterfield's were Mrs. D. C. Baker and daughter Rachel, Clara and Mildred Summers and Belle Satterfield.

Miss Mary Hall was calling on her brothers E. O. Hall Sunday last.

Miss Wilma Hawkins spent Sunday last at Frank Jones'.

D. C. Baker and daughter were calling on Harry Summers Sunday last. Lesley Satterfield spent Sunday afternoon last at H. S. Baker's.

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